

The Senate

Annual Report 1980-81

The University of Alberta



It is an interesting reflection that although the total number of graduands at The University of Alberta has fallen gradually over the past few years, the percentage of students attending Convocation is increasing. When H. Bancroft and E. Hockey received honorary degrees of Doctor of Laws on 22 November 1980, 493 out of a possible 1,260 graduands were present. Over the four days of Spring Convocation 1981, 1,722 out of 3,565 attended to have their degrees conferred on them personally by Chancellor Jean B. Forest. Honorary degree recipients on those days were H. Viscardi, Junior (1 June 1981); J.H. Shocter (2 June 1981); R.E. Ivany (3 June 1981); General R. Wolikowski and I. Robinson (4 June 1981). The Chancellor, the President, M. Horowitz, and the Chairman of the Board of Governors, J. Schlosser, were present on all five occasions, and members of Senate took part in the Academic Procession on each day.

Committee Business

The regular business of Senate is carried out through its standing committees, which are the Executive, Honorary Degrees, Nominating and Emil Skarin Fund Committees.

The Executive Committee, comprising the Chancellor and the President (*ex officio*) with eight other members of Senate (including the Vice-Presidents [External] of the Students' Union and the Graduate Students' Association) meets monthly to deal with the regular business of Senate. All Senate members are welcome to attend these meetings, and all activities are subject to ratification at a full meeting of Senate.

The Nominating Committee normally meets twice a year: once to consider all nominations made to fill vacancies among the publicly-elected members of Senate (this year there were over



At Spring Convocation on 2 June 1981. From left to right: President Horowitz; Chancellor Forest; J.H. Shocter, LL.D.; Mr. Justice Miller; J. Schlosser, Chairman of the Board of Governors; Vice-President Leitch.

forty to review, elicited through advertising in a selection of local newspapers across northern Alberta); and again to draw up a slate of appointments to standing committees and other bodies on which Senate is represented. The Nominating Committee also organizes orientation for new Senate members.

The Honorary Degrees Committee meets to choose recipients for honorary degrees for the Spring, Fall and Special Convocations. This committee decides on the number of honorary degrees to be conferred, and often has over fifty nominations from which to choose. The main guideline for this committee is to continue to recognize the significance of honorary degrees to the University and to the recipients, and to ensure that all recipients are worthy of the honor being accorded.

The Emil Skarin Fund Committee arranges for the distribution of monies accruing from the Emil Skarin Bequest, according to the terms of reference agreed with Mrs. Skarin. Preference is given to projects

with an emphasis on the humanities and the arts. The recipients this year were The Longspoon Press, directed by Professors Barbour, Neuman and Scobie of the Department of English, for continuing help in publishing the work of Albertan poets; and a donation to the Western Canadiana Publications Project Endowment Fund, following an application from Professor Parker-Jervis, also of the Department of English. Applications to the Fund will be called for in the early spring. The announcement of the awards for 1982 will be made at the April 1982 Senate meeting.

Activities of Task Force Groups

In May 1981, Senate received the Report of the Task Force on Second Languages. This Report dealt with public attitudes to and interest in second language education and the implications for the University of the reintroduction of a second language requirement for admission. Originally this subject was

raised at Senate by Joe Kandler, then a Senate member, and the Task Force, chaired by Sherburne McCurdy, spent sixteen months gathering information; meeting people particularly concerned with this issue (including the Federal Commissioner for Official Languages, Max Yelden); holding public meetings in St. Paul, Lacombe and Edmonton; and then considering with care possible recommendations to be made. The final Report contained thirteen recommendations, addressed to The University of Alberta, Alberta Advanced Education and Manpower, Alberta Education, Alberta Culture, the Alberta Teachers' Association, the Alberta School Trustees Association, and members of the news media in this province. There was lively and prolonged discussion at the Senate meeting, with many differing viewpoints being expressed. The recommendations finally approved are incorporated in the Report as it is currently distributed. As has become customary with Senate reports, a follow-up was requested, and it is hoped to present any new information to Senate by the end of 1982.

A continuing activity for Senate members is the work of the Commission on University Purpose. The Commission is due to present its report to Senate in the spring of 1982, and the final document will be published in time for the 75th anniversary of The University of Alberta. This group has been extremely busy. Last fall a Speakers Program was organized to raise public awareness of the mandate of the Commission. Highly respected speakers were invited to Edmonton at meetings co-sponsored by organizations with a genuine interest in The University of Alberta. Sir Gustav Nossal, world-renowned Australian immunologist; Charles Meyers, Dean of Law at Stanford University; Pauline Jewett, M.P.,

former President of Simon Fraser University and David Suzuki, geneticist and broadcaster, all presented their ideas of the purpose of a university, bringing to their audiences their personal and varied perceptions. Members of the Commission encouraged people to pass on their own comments and questions, and all of this material is part of the input which is being reviewed currently, as the Commission

begins to formulate its findings and conclusions. In addition, the Commission held public hearings in Grande Prairie, Red Deer and Edmonton. Hundreds of associations and groups in Alberta were contacted and asked to express their opinions. Also, the Edmonton Area Survey included questions this year about the University; and many relevant articles and books have been reviewed and discussed during the process of eliciting public perceptions of the purpose of a university.

Chaired by Dave Usher, the Commission engaged a consultant to prepare a brief history of The University of Alberta and a summary of literature on the subject of goals and purposes of universities. All this material is proving most valuable as the Commission begins the final part of its task—the writing of the Report. It is anticipated that this Report will be of more than usual interest to members of the public, to members of government, as well as to the members of the university community.

This year there was follow-up to two Senate Task Force Reports. Recommendation 6 of the Status of Women Report (originally submitted to Senate in March 1975) was dealt with at some length. The original recommendation asked the Board of Governors to authorize a professional, external study into the status and employment patterns of non-academic women employees of the University, with special reference to the personnel classification system. After considerable discussion both at Senate and the Board, a resolution was passed by the Board endorsing the concept that a representative number of male and female employees in all classifications should within a reasonable length of time, approximate the proportion of qualified and interested persons of both sexes available. In addition

to the action on Recommendation 6, G. Baldwin, Vice-President (Academic), brought to Senate a general review of progress made at The University of Alberta in the many areas covered by the recommendations of the Task Force Report.

A second follow-up report was presented to Senate relating to the Task Force on Children and Others with Learning Disabilities. Senate heard from the University, the Edmonton Public School Board, and the Association for Children with Learning Disabilities; and received a response compiled by the three departments of government most closely concerned with the recommendations of the original report: Alberta Advanced Education and Manpower, Alberta Education, and Alberta Social Services and Community Health. The obvious commitment of each of these bodies in seeking solutions to some of the problems raised in the report, and in particular the cooperation between the various departments and disciplines was seen as significant by members of Senate.



Lisbeth Hockey, LLD '80

Other Senate Business

Following the success of the Senate's visit to St. Paul in September 1979, it was decided to hold the first meeting of the 1980-81 academic year in Fort McMurray. Senate members enjoyed a tour of the Syncrude Plant; a workshop organized by Merrill McDonald at which members of the City of Fort McMurray explained some of the special interests of the area; a reception hosted by Suncor and Syncrude, followed by a banquet at which Bill Workman of Alberta Advanced Education and Manpower was the guest speaker. The Senate meeting took place the next day at Keyano College, and a total of twelve briefs were received on subjects ranging from post-Registered Nurse courses through to transfer of credits from college to university, and graduate courses for engineers. It was exhilarating to have so much community input into Senate deliberations. Senate chose to discuss all the briefs at a subsequent meeting, and then prepared recommendations dealing with the issues



Hugh Bancroft, LLD '80

Dr. David Suzuki

will discuss
**Science and Society in the 1980's:
Challenge for Education**
Monday, November 3, 8 p.m.
SUB Theatre, University of Alberta
Admission is free
We urge you to arrive early

Sponsored by The Senate
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The off-campus Senate meeting in Fort McMurray, September 1980, was notable for its lively discussion focussing mainly on the community's need for access to university-level instruction.



The Western Canadiana Publications Project Endowment Fund was one of this year's beneficiaries of The Emil Skarin Fund. Here WCCP Chairman N. Parker-Jervis (left) receives the cheque from Chancellor Forest.

raised. Certainly it was felt that the kind of university-community interaction generated by such out-of-town meetings was most valuable. Incidentally, including this meeting in Fort McMurray, members of Senate held off-campus meetings nine times during 1980-81.

For the past three years Senate has, at the request of General Faculties Council, provided lay members to attend the admissions meetings of the quota Faculties to observe the procedures used in the selection of students. This year a report was prepared and presented to Senate. Reservations were expressed about the use of the Grade Point Average (GPA) and high school marks as a method of choosing the successful applicants to quota Faculties. Certainly in view of the large numbers of applications involved, it was perhaps the only practical way. There was no criticism of the way in which the approved procedures were carried out. The report was forwarded to the GFC

Committee on Admissions and Transfer.

Senate also took the opportunity to express, in a motion carried unanimously, its "appreciation of the leadership of the President and Vice-President (Academic) and of the insightful

action of the Board of Governors" when the establishment of the Endowment Fund for the Future was announced in November 1980. Senate also supported the strong efforts being made by the administration to obtain adequate funding for the University from

the provincial government.

Realizing that some members, after completing their term on Senate, would enjoy being kept informed to some extent of the further work of Senate, the possibility of forming an alumni group was discussed. It was agreed that if this were done, the organization should not be a highly structured or formal one. In addition, Senate is reviewing the possibility of a combined meeting with other Senates and with the Governing Council of Athabasca University.

Senate has continued to invite different Faculties to make presentations at its meetings. This year, the Deans of Home Economics and Library Science were able to share with members of Senate information about their Faculties, and the President of the Graduate Students' Association, Paul Fisher, attended a meeting to discuss the particular concerns of his members.

Senate also received a report



The meeting of Senate at which the Task Force on Second Languages submitted its report. Several members of that Task Force may be seen in the photograph, with the Chairman, Sherburne McCurdy at front right.

from Syeda Hameed of Alberta Advanced Education and Manpower, and heard Amy Zelmer, Associate Vice-President (Academic) review the University's affiliation agreements with private colleges in Alberta.

Liaison with other universities

We have been pleased to have visits from Chancellor Islay Arnold of the University of Lethbridge, and Keith Sveinson of the University of Calgary. In addition, Barbara Clarke and Jim Dunstan, Executive Officers of Senate in Calgary and Lethbridge respectively, have maintained contact with our Senate. The Chancellor has visited the Senates of those two universities, and Mrs. Bentley and Mrs. Brennan have also been to a Calgary Senate meeting. The Executive Officer, Mrs. Totman, attended a University of Calgary Seminar in Banff on behalf of the Chancellor, and spoke on the role of the Senate at The University of Alberta. More recently, the Chancellor was invited to bring greetings from The University of Alberta to those attending Athabasca University's Convocation in June 1981.

Activities of the Chancellor

The Chancellor, in addition to her work as Chairman of Senate and member of the Board of Governors, has undertaken many engagements off-campus during the reporting year. She was a member of the delegation to Madrid when the presentation was made regarding the World University Games. She visited the Northwest Territories as the guest of Commissioner Parker. She accompanied the Alumni Association to Vancouver and Victoria, and to Red Deer for the Bookworm Ball, as well as attending the Homecoming and Convocation Banquets.

Chancellor Forest has continued informal liaison with many different groups, on campus and off, and in this way endeavored to keep in touch with the many issues which arise at the University and within the constituencies it serves. She has attended three meetings of Chancellors, and has met with members of Alberta Advanced Education and Manpower to discuss possible changes to *The Universities Act*. She also made a presentation to the Minister's Advisory Committee on University Affairs. She

feels that in this way she is better able to fulfill her role in representing the public interest at the university. Mrs. Forest comes to the end of her four-year term as Chancellor in June 1982. This term is non-renewable, and a Search Committee for a Chancellor has already been set up, comprising three members each of the Alumni Association, General Faculties Council and Senate. It is hoped that the new Chancellor will be elected at the November meeting of Senate, so

that there will be a sufficient time for the incoming person to become orientated to the University and the work of Senate.

Coming Year

The first meeting of Senate in the 1981-82 academic year will be held in the Yellowhead area: comprising a short informal stop at Edson, lunch and a presentation of briefs in Hinton, a banquet in Jasper followed by an all-day Senate meeting in that



Spring Convocation, 1 June 1981. Henry Viscardi Jr., LLD (left) is shown with his presenter, Lois Campbell.



General Romuald Wolikowski, LLD, was honored on 4 June 1981. George Cormack (right) delivered the citation.



Randall E. Ivany was honored with the conferral of an LLD on 3 June 1981. To his right is W.H. Stewart who presented him to Convocation.

town. This is a change in format from previous out-of-town meetings, but the ad hoc committee considered in this instance that it would be more appropriate to make three visits, in the Senate's efforts to reach the members of the communities of the Yellow-head district.

In October, the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry will be opening its new building officially, and the Premier has accepted an invitation to participate in the ceremony. At that time there will be a Special Convocation, at which an honorary degree will be presented.

In November, Senate will be holding an "out-of-town" type meeting in Edmonton. The meeting, like all Senate meetings, will be open to the public. The meeting will be held in a downtown hotel, and members of the public will be encouraged to attend and make presentations if they have any issues or concerns they wish to bring to the attention of Senate. At that meeting too, Senate will elect a new Chancellor, to take office as of 1 July 1982. In the spring, the final Report of the Commission on University Purpose will be presented, and this will be the last meeting at which Mrs. Forest will preside as Chancellor.

It will again be an extremely full and varied year for members of Senate, and the University is fortunate to count so many able people among those willing to volunteer their time and talents to working for this institution.

Farewells

This year we have said farewell to the following people: Harry Chomik (Vegreville), Jo Ann Creore, Ann Dea, Ed Ewasiuk, Kris Farkas, Tema Frank, Norman Ingram, Gerry Lock, Bill Pidruchney, Dave Roberts, Thelma Scambler, Burton Smith, Vidya Thakur, Dave Usher, Helen Verdin, Theresa Wildcat

(Hobbema).

The individual contribution of each has been much appreciated. The Senate also says goodbye to Carol Bolding who has been Secretary in the Senate Office for nearly two years. We shall miss Carol for her friendliness and hard work, but wish her and her new son all the best in the future.

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome as members of Senate the following: Cliff Brager (Camrose), Don Archibald, Dick Faryon, Hazel Flewwelling (Red Deer), Jean Fraser, Warren Graves, Kathryn Ivany, Peter Hunt (Fort McMurray), William Kurmey, Paul Lemay, Reginald MacDonald, Ludger Mogge, Alf Petersen, Paul Sartoris, Ralph Steinhauer (Brosseau), Lisa Walter.

In addition we have been pleased to add Judith Goldsand to the Senate staff as Assistant to the Executive Officer.

Senate meetings 1981-82

Senate meetings during the 1981-82 year will be held on the following dates:

25/26 September 1981

(Edson, Hinton, Jasper)

20 November 1981

22 January 1982

19 March 1982

30 April 1982

All members of the public are welcome to attend.



Isobel M. Robinson was admitted to the degree of LLD on 4 June 1981. Her presenter, shown to the right, was Jo Ann Creore.



The Chancellor and Senate Office staff. From left to right: Judy Goldsand, Chancellor Forest, Mary Totman and Carol Bolding.

Senate Membership List: 1980-81

Ex Officio

Mrs. J.B. Forest
(*Chancellor*)
Dr. M. Horowitz
(*President*)
Dr. B. Smith
(*Dean of Students*)
Dr. R.G. Baldwin
(*Vice-President Academic*)
Prof. C. Lockwood
(*Dean of Extension*)
Mr. W.D. Usher
(*President, Alumni Association*)
Mrs. J. Mucha
(*Vice-President, Alumni Association*)

Appointed Members

Deans' Council
Dean D. Badir
Dean G.S.H. Lock
Board of Governors
Mrs. J. Bentley
Mr. W. Pidruchney
General Faculties Council
Prof. J.A. Creore
Prof. G.A. Prideaux
Prof. P.A. Schouls
Alumni Association
Mr. H. Chomik
Dr. F. Kozar
Students' Union
Miss K. Farkas
Miss T. Frank
Mr. N. Ingram
Mr. D. Roberts
Graduate Students' Association
Mr. V. Thakur
Minister of Advanced Education and Manpower (non-academic staff members)
Mrs. J. Brennand
Mrs. J. Kurie
Minister of Advanced Education and Manpower (public members)
Mr. G.C. Campbell
Mrs. L. Campbell
Dr. H. Danial
Mr. R. Everest
Mrs. E. Finch
Mrs. T. Haberman
Mr. J.E. McLean
Mr. W.F.M. Newson
Mr. K.D. Weiher

Elected Members

Mr. R. Basken
Mrs. B. Bromley
Mrs. G. Brooks
Miss A. Burrows
Mr. P. Czartoryski
Mrs. A. Dea
Mr. E. Ewasiuk
Mrs. E.L. Fried
Mr. P. Gariepy
Mr. H.C. Hulleman
Mr. R. Killeen
Mrs. B. Kornberger
Rev. T. Leadbeater
Mrs. M. Lobay
Mr. D.N.B. McArthur
Dr. S.G. McCurdy
Mr. J.R. McDougall
Mr. H. Meech
Mr. Justice T. Miller
Mrs. M. Pasula
Dr. D. Richardson
Mr. Y. Roslak
Mrs. T. Scambler
Mrs. F. Sissons
Mrs. S. Sprague
Mr. W.H. Stewart
Mr. B. Strain
Miss M. Trussler
Miss H. Verdin
Mrs. T. Wildcat

Senate Staff

Mrs. R.M. Totman,
Executive Officer
Mrs. J. Goldsand,
Assistant to Executive Officer
Mrs. C. Bolding, *Secretary*

Committee Memberships

Standing Committees

Executive

Mrs. Forest (Chairman)
Dr. Horowitz (ex officio)
Mr. Campbell
Ms. Farkas
Mrs. Haberman
Mr. McArthur
Mr. Stewart
Mr. Thakur
Miss Trussler

Nominating

Mr. McArthur (Chairman)
Mrs. Forest (ex officio)
Mrs. Bentley
Mrs. Brennand
Mrs. Fried
Mrs. Pasula
Prof. Prideaux
Mr. Roberts
Mrs. Scambler
Mr. Weiher

Honorary Degrees

Mrs. Forest (Chairman)
Dr. Horowitz (ex officio)
Dean Badir
Mrs. Campbell
Prof. Creore
Mr. Gariepy
Mr. Ingram
Mrs. Kurie
Rev. Leadbeater
Mr. Meech
Mr. Pidruchney
Mrs. Sissons
Mrs. Sprague
Mr. Strain
Miss Trussler
Miss Verdin

Emil Skarin Fund

Mrs. Sprague (Chairman)
Mrs. Forest (ex officio)
Dean White (ex officio)
Dr. Clarke (ex officio)
Miss Frank
Dr. Kozar
Mr. McArthur
Mrs. Mucha

Ad Hoc Committees

To consider the location of an out-of-town meeting

Mrs. Brennan (Chairman)
Mrs. Fried

Miss Farkas
Prof. Lockwood
To Review the Briefs submitted in Fort McMurray
Dean Badir (Chairman)
Mrs. Brooks
Rev. Leadbeater
Mr. McLean
Mrs. Mucha

To review follow-up to the Task Force Report on Children and Others with Learning Disabilities
Dean Badir
Mrs. Fried

Other Senate Appointments

Senate Appointee to Board of Governors
Dr. Richardson
University of Alberta 75th Anniversary Committee
Mrs. Lobay

Senate Observer to GFC Academic Development Committee
Mrs. Dea (to November 1980)
Rev. Leadbeater (from November 1980)

Faculty of Extension Council

Dr. Danial
Mrs. Fried
Mr. McLean
Mrs. Pasula
Mr. Usher

Lay Observers of the Admissions Process in Quota Faculties

Mrs. Kornberger,
Agriculture and Forestry
Mrs. Pasula,
Business Administration and Commerce
Mr. Weiher,
Dentistry
Mr. Gariepy,
Drama
Dr. Richardson,
Engineering
Mr. Basken, Law
Dr. Kozar,
Library Science
Miss Trussler,
Medicine
Mrs. Finch,
Medical Laboratory Science
Dr. Danial,
Nursing

Mrs. Scambler,
Pharmacy
Mrs. Lobay,
Physical Education and Recreation
Mrs. Sprague,
Rehabilitation Medicine

Commission on University Purpose

Terms of Reference

To inquire into the nature, purpose or purposes, and function of a "University"—and to this end generally, but having before it the particular situation of The University of Alberta, to consult and seek the opinions, perceptions, or expectations, as to this nature, purpose and function, of all those who may jointly or severally wish to contribute to the inquiry, whether residents of Alberta or not, whether current or former members of the University community, or members of the public at large, or members of government, as well as those who have contributed to the elucidation of this nature, purpose, and functions by their written or published works, or any whose contributions would be of value to the inquiry; to generate by discussion and enquiry the expression of such opinion, expectations or perceptions as may be held; to seek clarification of such opinions and expectations, as well as clarification defining the fundamental nature and purpose of the "University"; to seek for possible publication written expression of such of the submissions as contribute most effectively to the elucidation of the matters under discussion; and to report fully to the Senate as to the results of the inquiry.

Membership

Mr. Usher (Chairman)
Mr. Basken (Vice-Chairman)
Miss Burrows
Mr. Campbell
Mr. Czartoryski
Miss Frank
Mr. Geddes (non-Senate member)

Mrs. Haberman
Mrs. Lobay
Mr. McDougall
Mr. Justice Miller
Dr. Richardson
Mrs. Scambler
Prof. Schouls
Mrs. Sprague
Mr. Stewart
Mr. Weiher

Task Force on Second Languages

Terms of Reference

To gather further information regarding: (a) public attitudes to, and interest in, second language classes in the schools; (b) the extent of second language programs currently available in the schools, in particular the contrast between urban and rural; (c) the provision of complementary cultural programs: (i) what is being offered now (ii) reaction from school jurisdictions, (d) implications of introduction of a second language requirement for admission to University: —from University units, especially those not previously contacted, —from other universities —from the Edmonton Separate and Public School Boards and a sampling of rural school jurisdictions in northern Alberta —for the University to provide leadership. To make recommendations as appropriate.

Membership

Dr. McCurdy (Chairman)
Mr. Czartoryski
Mr. Hulleman
Mr. Ingram
Dr. Kanasewich (non-Senate member)
Dr. Kandler (non-Senate member)
Dr. Kennedy (non-Senate member)
Mr. Killeen
Mrs. Kurie
Mr. Takach (non-Senate member)